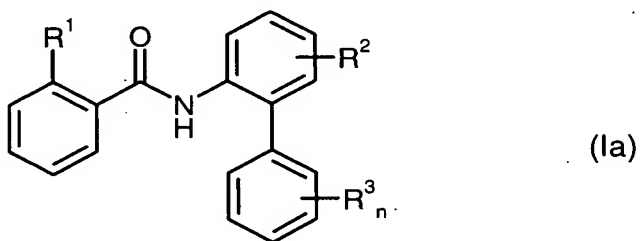


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-59 (canceled)

Claim 60 (previously presented): A biphenylbenzamide derivative of formula (Ia)



in which

R¹ represents methyl, trifluoromethyl, chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

R² represents hydrogen,

R³ represents halogen, cyano, nitro, C₁-C₆-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-alkylthio, C₁-C₄-alkylsulphonyl, C₂-C₆-alkenyl, or C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl; or represents C₁-C₆-haloalkyl, C₁-C₆-haloalkoxy, C₁-C₆-haloalkylthio, or C₁-C₆-haloalkylsulphonyl having in each case 1 to 13 halogen atoms, and

n represents 2, 3, 4, or 5, where the radicals R³ may be identical or different.

Claims 61-67 (canceled)

Claim 68 (previously presented): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claims 69-71 (canceled)

Claim 72 (previously presented): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying one or more biphenylbenzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claims 73-75 (canceled)

Claim 76 (previously presented): A process for preparing a composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more biphenyl-benzamide derivatives of formula (Ia) according to Claim 60 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claims 77-79 (canceled)

-- Claim 80 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms according to Claim 72 wherein the microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of *Xanthomonas* species, *Pseudomonas* species, *Erwinia* species, *Erysiphe* species, *Sphaerotheca* species, *Podosphaera* species, *Cochliobolus* species, *Uromyces* species, *Puccinia* species, *Tilletia* species, *Ustilago* species, *Pellicularia* species, *Leptosphaeria* species, and *Alternaria* species.

Claim 81 (new): A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms according to Claim 72 wherein the microorganisms are *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *oryzae*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *lachrymans*, *Erwinia amylovora*, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea*, *Podosphaera leucotricha*, *Cochliobolus sativus* (conidia form: *Drechslera*, syn: *Helminthosporium*), *Uromyces appendiculatus*, *Puccinia recondita*, *Tilletia caries*, *Ustilago nuda* or *Ustilago avenae*, *Pellicularia sasakii*, *Leptosphaeria nodorum*, or *Alternaria solani*. --